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Notes and News

In a brief note,¹ Elizabeth Dorothy Wuist records the development of apogamous prothallia from spores of *Phegopteris polypodioides*, *Osmunda cinnamomea* and *O. Claytoniana*, grown on various nutrient solutions. In all three species the apogamous embryos developed either from slight swellings of the prothallial tissue, forming eventually dome-shaped cellular masses, from which the young plant grew, or from cylindrical outgrowths from the notch of the prothallium, bearing at their apices cellular masses, from which the embryo was formed.

American Fern Society

Word has been received of the death of Mr. Charles Keene Dodge, a member of the Society since 1893, the year of its formation. Mr. Dodge was born on a farm near Jackson, Mich., April 26, 1844. He attended the University of Michigan and after his graduation in 1870, taught school for four years and then studied law. In 1875 he settled in Port Huron, Mich., where he has lived ever since. In 1893 he gave up his law practice to take the position of Deputy U. S. Customs Inspector—largely, we are told, because this position would give him more time for the pursuit of botany. He held it until his death.

¹ Bot. Gaz. **64**: 435-437. Nov., 1917.

sheet contains three separate plants, without special locality data, but very probably from the three localities mentioned. The first locality is of course, in Texas or an adjacent part of Mexico; the second is Wright's well known locality in Grant County, New Mexico, and the only New Mexican station for this fern; the third is in Arizona, and possibly the only Arizona locality known. The data "Head of Rio San Pedro, Nov. 5, 1850, Bigelow," are taken by Mr. Weatherby from a specimen in the Gray Herbarium. This locality is in the southern part of Arizona, on the east side of the Catalina Mountains.

Mr. Dodge was an earnest and industrious collector and student of the local flora of his region. His specimens are probably to be found in most of the large herbaria of the United States, and he was always ready to lend, from his own large collection, material which botanists working up special groups wished to examine. He published a considerable number of local floras and other papers dealing with the plants of Michigan and adjacent Ontario.

The Secretary has heard of two more of our members who are now in the army—Mr. Ellsworth P. Killip and Mr. Milton E. Woodams, both serving with machinegun units of the National Army.

The members of the nominating committee are: C. H. Bissell, chairman; R. A. Ware and Miss Nellie Mirick.

Miss M. A. Marshall, Still River, Mass., has been appointed Judge of Elections.

New member:

Beckwith, Miss Florence, 255 University Ave., Rochester, N.Y. House, Dr. H. D., State Botanist, Education Building, Albany. N. Y.

Change of address:

Durand, Dr. E. J., Pillsbury Hall, Univ. of Minn., Minneapolis, Minn.